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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

State Treasurer-J. S. BEACOM, of Westmoreland, Auditor General-LEVI G. M'CAULEY, of Chester. Election day, November 8.

"Good times at Steelton" is a heading in a contemporary; but the truth is, good times are showing up every-

Dollar Wheat Not the Limit. Speculative trading in wheat is naturally characterized by sharp and sudden fluctuations, but these are mere Incidents which in no wise affect the central and enduring fact that it is to be the mission of the United States within the next twelve months to feed, if not the world then certainly the best part of it. Europe's shortage in food supplies is something which bear movements in exchange pits cannot modify however successfully they may, from time to time, disturb the upward trend of quotations. So long as Europe furnishes an inevitable demand for American's surplus grain supply, as it must do during the next year, the American farmer can feel assured that "dollar wheat" will mark rather the minimum than the maximum of his opportunity.

The most trustworthy estimates which we have seen place Europe's imported wheat need during the coming winter at from 300,000,000 to 400,000,000 bushels. Of rye, which is the bread grain of the masses in the principal continental countries, there is an estimated shortage of 400,000,000 bushels and of potatoes, 1,000,000,000 bushels. Our inability to export because of a light crop will have the effect to increase the foreign clamor for our cereals; and of these we can perhaps spare 200,000,000 bushels of wheat, 300,000,000 bushels of corn, 100,000,000 bushels of oats and 10,000,000 bushels of rye, or a total of 610,000,000 bushels, for which we may reasonably expect to receive not less than \$415,000, 000, counting that rye and wheat will bring \$1, corn 60 cents and oats 25 cents.

But it would not surprise us if the estimates of \$1 per bushel for wheat and rye should prove too low. The fact that our wheat crop for the year is not expected to exceed 500,000,000 bushels requires account to be taken of another fact; namely, that with prosperity taking effect among our people the domestic demand for wheat, which in 1894 was only 31/2 bushels per capita, is likely to approach toward the high point reached in 1883, when we consumed 645 grain supply its realization appears into "dollar-and-a-quar not eventually into wheat held at an even higher rate per bushel. The certain thing is that the demand is going to be very much larger than the supply and this will play directly and surely into the pockets of American wheatgrowers.

will be awaited with real interest.

Jingoism.

pivotal thought:

do it from less creditable motives, in the belief that they can make some petty political capital out of it. But beyond all these noisy, querulous and quarrelsome voices there stands in Great Britain-there stands, I am no less sure, in the United States alsothe great, solid, sensible mass of the nation which desires peace and tranquility, which desires to attend to its business and desires not to have it disturbed or shaken by rumors of wars; the great mass, which desires to fear God and honor the sovereign, whether the sovereign be called a queen or president. And I trust that in all three countries this great, solid and weighty mass of responsibile national opinion ever provoking real danger between these kindred peoples."

These words embody an undoubted truth and yet they need qualification. Of "jingoes" like these Professor Bryce defines there are few if any in the United States. The term is not applied in this country to intentional mischief-makers who push their own way and try by Mugwump abuse and fair target for the moral is—but why point a moral copperhead vemon, is the citizen who which human nature seems unable to believes in standing up; who considers heed?

the Scranton tribune guarantee of peace than that effiminguarantee of peace than that effiminsuit. Very apt in its implied rebuke is the comment of the Toronto Globe upon Professor Bryce's speech. The Globe naturally speaks to and for Canadians, but the sentiment we are about to quote from it can be adopted by Americans without change as an expression of their own idea of proper national policy: "No harm at all but good will come from the feeling that we must be prepared if necessary to stand alone. That is what nationality means. Our neighbors may be friendly in the main; we have no business to depend on anybody's friendship or on anything else than our own energies and our own resources. The rule applies to nations as to men-the gods help those who help themselves. And this independence conduces to the friendship which Professor Bryce desires."

There is no soured patriotism worth speaking of in the United States; but there is some patriotism in which the ferment is so weak that it produces neither vinegar nor wine but a kind of slop fit only for the swill tub.

Resolved, That the platform adopted at the National convention of Democracy in 1896 be endorsed fully and without reserve."-Plank Second in the Platform of the Lackawanna Democracy, adopted Aug. 24, 1897.

Public Life Too Expensive. In his recent address before the Nebraska Republican convention Senator Thurston made a personal announcement which is of interest beyond the circle to which it was directed. After expressing gratitude for his election to the senate by the unanimous vote of the Republican members of the Nebraska legislature, every one of whom so voted voluntarily and without personal solicitation on Mr. Thurston's part, the senator added, with simple After mature and careful considera-

tion, and as the result of deliberate judg-ment, I hereby announce that I am not and shall not be a candidate for re-election. I have no intention of ever becoming a candidate for any other office. I shall be glad and content to live among you a private citizen and to once more take up my chosen life. In reaching this conclusion and in making this announce-ment I have been moved by no unworthy or improper motives. I am entirely satisfied with the Republicans of my state and of the nation. I am as strong an adherent of Republican principles and doctrines as I have ever been. I am on excellent terms with all my colleagues in the senate. My relations with the in the senate. sent administration are most cordial i pleasant. I have every reason to be thly pleased with the treatment which the Republicans of my state have reent. I have not the least doubt that the Republican party will return to power in Nebraska, and I should have no apprehensions as to your continued inlorsement. I have never sought to avoid t public responsibility and shall not desert a public post of duty, but I know full well that there are many great Re-publicans in Nebraska who can serve you acceptably in the senate. For my-self I have a right to consider my own comfort and welfare and that of those bushels per capita. In other words, who are near to me. I do not like public life at the capital. I do love home Europe must compete with America in bidding for American grain, and thus life in Nebraska. I am comparatively a poor man. As your senator I cannot the American farmer seems likely soon afford to maintain a house in Washingto be in a position to dictate terms.

Should this prospect be realized, and in the present condition of the world's grain supply its realization appears in-evitable, "dollar" wheat may expand I cannot do so by continuing in the pub-All who know John M. Thurston will

understand that these words mean

nothing more or less than they say.

They are the words of a high-minded

and conscientious man, who as a senator of the United States deems it his duty to give his whole time to the public service and is unwilling to use his It is understood that the question of office as a leverage with which to inthe constitutionality of Pennsylvania's crease the income of \$5,000 a year which alien tax law will be carried to the he receives from the government as Federal Supreme court and advanced salary. The number of such men in to an early hearing. The final decision high position is small; not, indeed, because honesty is rare or conscience in public life an impossibility, but simply for the reason implied by Mr. Thurs-Speaking at Toronto recently before ton-the pay given does not command a mixed audience of British, Canadians it. Men of independent means can and Americans, Professor James Bryce, serve the country, and often do, unscholar, statesman and philosopher, selfishly and with a clear conscience. whose study of "The American Com- In spite of the common impression to monwealth" attests his broad under- the contrary we are inclined to believe standing of American ideas and ideals, that a majority of our senators and took up the subject of the mutual re- representatives, and perhaps a large lationship of the three great branches | majority, are in the main honest and of the English-speaking race. What conscientious men who, apart from the he said and the way he said it both little partisan tricks of the politician's deserve our notice. We quote the trade, are as patriotic and sincere in their devotion to the public interest as "There are in all countries persons any class of men to be found in the whom we in England call by the name | country. But the fact that these men, of jingoes. There are jingoes in Eng- in order to live in Washington in comland, and there are jingoes in the fort and support in respectable fashion United States. What is jingoism? It the dignity of their position, must have is a travesty of patriotism which has financial means other than the salary gone on fermenting until it has be- received, inevitably takes from their come sour. It bears the same relation public service some time and attention to true patriotism that vinegar does required by private interests and to to wine. These jingoes in all countries this extent lessens their public usefulare fond of making mischief. Some of ness. Where members do not possess them do it in mere recklessness of such legitimate private incomes they heart. Some of them, I am afraid, must either efface themselves socially, debase themselves morally or retire as Mr. Thurston proposes to do. There is no escape from one of these fates.

The example set by Mr. Thurston is at once a rebuke to the public sentiment which decries the presence of wealthy men in public station without making it possible for honest poor men to hold office, and a warning to the thousands of young men just entering the legal profession who entertain secret hopes of preferment along political lines.

That is a pitiable but instructive story told by a certain office seeker lately arrested at Washington on a charge of embezzling \$500. In his native state he was a tax collector and will prevent these noisy voices from Having performed some service for the a man well esteemed for honesty. Republican party, he last winter started out to capture an appointment to a federal cibee. After the inauguration there were trips to Washington, expenses for indorsements and a long walt until private funds and credit were exhausted. The prize seemed near; in a day or two it would be won. and expecting by means thereof to to push their countrymen into trouble make good the shortage the young man heedlessly and needlessly. In the finally took money not his own and-United States the "jingo," bespattered the office went to another. Of course

of the American Bar association which at the time of its delivery escaped us. Speaking of the activity and growing numerousness of socialists he said: "The ideal society which they portray leaves the individual without motives. incentives, permissions and facilities to exertion, men lapsed into a state of crushing equality, life a preary monotony, and the state without functions to restrain the evil or protect enterprise, industry and self-denial. It is a condition in which all rights and duties are extinct-all hopes, desires, cravings, appetencies suppressed. 'He made a desert and called it peace.

The Philadelphia correspondent of the New York Sun gives it as his guess that P. A. B. Widener will be the next governor of Pennsylvania. What, with Penrose in the senate?

THE KLONDIKE GOLD BUG.

Editorials and News. Notice is hereby given that J. H. H. Montgomery Budd is no lenger an em-ploye of the "Bug," J. H. H. was engaged four weeks ago to solicit sub-scriptions. He had no recommendation except his numerous initials and a persuasive voice. The manner in which he touched us for a loan of ten led us to believe that he might become valuable as an outside representative. But he has proved a mistaken ideal. We have learned that a greater portion of his time has been spent playing draw poker down at Statter's pavilion, and the one sub-scriber that he obtained has refused to pay today, claiming that the paper was never ordered. We give this explanation in order that the parties who criticized us for hastily throwing Budd down the back stairs may understand the true state of affairs and know that our act was justifi-

Sam Miller was tendered a necktie par-y on Tuesday night. Miller, who was fond of putting on airs and signing his name "Millais," has been the object of uspicion for some time, owing to the fact the he was absent from the camp nearly every time a valuable horse was missed. On Tuesday a party of prospectors met Sam up near Bone Gulch leading a fine horse which he offered for \$50. While the nen were looking the animal over Colonel Abram Smith, the owner, who was not on the trail, overtook the horse dealer. Explanations were needless. As there were no trees handy near Bone Gulch nlet it was necessary to bring Sam down to the outskirts of camp in order to find a sapling strong enough to bear his weight. Sam was game to the last, expressing regret only that he had denied himself luxuries in order to settle an unpaid bar bill at Slatter's the day be-

We have been asked to support the candidacy of lke Robbins for camp treas-urer and keeper of the prospective town seal and records. We cannot do it. There are reasons why the "Bug" must rise above party affiliations and take an independent course. He served a term in Tacoma jail for snaring his neighbor's chickens; he narrowly escaped lynching in Texas for horse-stealing; he was tarred and feathered for immorality at Portland; and his picture is in the na-tional rogues gallery labelled "No. 11124. nd pickpocket Personally we have nothing against Mr. Robbins; he may be a worthy citizen. But at the present time there is nothing in the town reasury for him to steal; and besides we expect to be a candidate for the office ourself, so our readers can see why it would be in bad taste for the "Bug" to would be in bad taste for the "Bu

Faulty Processes of Statute Making

From Governor Griggs' Address Before No age of English or American history as ever seen such activity and profuon in legal enactment as now prevail. With the imperial parliament at Westminister and the federal congress at Washington in almost continual session, there are nearly thirty parliaments in the British colonial system and legis-latures of forty-five American states holding annual or biennial sessions, all engaged in supplementing and amending the old laws and in devising and passing iew ones. Besides these, are countless cities, towns and boroughs, each with a legislative board exercising the power of law-making upon many important matters of municipal life and govern-ment. The steps of the citizen desiring to walk uprightly are beset with laby-rinths of statutory enactments that are intricate and confusing and often so conflicting that he must stumble, turn which way he may. The number of distinct legislative prop-

dtions submitted in the form of bills at each session of our state legislatures rmous and is becoming larger every The statistics that follow show the extent of this tendency in the legis-latures of Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Illinois, in the present year. In Massachusetts about 1,300 distinct propositions for leg-islation were before the legislature or its committees. Of these, 628, nearly one-half, became laws. In New York the bills introduced in the two houses numbered 4.533, of which about 1.599 were finally passed. Of these 797 became laws, the remainder of the 1.300 passed bills falling to receive the approval of the governor. In New Jersey 657 bills were introduced, of which 297 passed both houses, and 297 became laws, 90 failing by reason of executive disapproval, a very marked decrease in the amount of legislation as compared with some previous years. In Peonsylvania 1,566 bills were introduced, 482 were passed by both were introduced; 483 were passed by both houses, and about 400 became laws, the rest having been vetoed by the governor. Illinois has a somewhat better rec-ord. There were 1,174 bills introduced, and 195 passed, of which, however, only three were vetoed, so that the addition to the statute law of that state com-prises only 192 chapters. I have no means of supplying similar statistics for other states, but think it safe to af-firm that the same degree of productiveness will be found in nearly all of them These thousands of propositions to al-ter the law of the land cover almost every conceivable object of government, every department of public and private life; they extend to all kinds of business, to trade, commerce, to the domain of morals as well as to the fields of spec-ulation and political philosophy. Many of them were intended to correct errors in the legislation of the in the legislation of the preceding years.

Excessive legislative activity is a fea-ure of our times. It has developed enormously within a very few recent years. A comparison of the annual volumes of statutes of any particular state for the believes in standing up; who considers servisity and ready acquiescence in wrong the expression of an inferior sense of duty; and who has read history and studied human nature to sufficient purpose to realize that vigorous assertion of personal or national rights is a surer of personal or national rights is a surer of the commonwealth in the contribution of the commonwealth in the commonwealth is a surer of the commonwealth in the commonwealth in the commonwealth in the common in the com

vanced \$20,000 of state funds to pay salaries of legislative employes, the bills for which were subsequently vetoed. Well, if the bondsmen are worth \$20,000—and it is not disputed that they are—where is the loss?

There was one paragraph in the recent address of President Woolworth of the American Bar association which and discovery have added new processes and devices to the tool shop of cesses and devices to the tool shop of civilization, novel adjustments of the laws have been required to regulate the business of the world to the improved conditions. Yet the masses of trivial legislation, of statutes uncalled for by any public inconvenience or necessity, go on increasing, confusing the citizen, embarrassing the lawyer and perplexing the courts of justice with contradictions, inconsistencies, dilemmas and floods of verbal turgidity. Laws enacted one year are repealed the next, to give place to some new conception. The spirit of conservatism dies out in the flerce unrest of this bury area. this busy age.

Every other department of business, of trade, of art, of commerce, has its skilled and experienced men, its engineers, its made a desert and called it peace. Better than that are wars and rapine and crime, toil, starvation and agonies of the worst days." In other words, to make the best of that which is, is better than to fly to evils we wot not of. The judgment seems rational.

and experienced men, its engineers, its electricians, its statisticians, its architects, its designers. If a new railroad is to be built, the best route is carefully chosen, surveys are made, levels are taken, the cost is estimated, the probable traffic computed, all by men trained in such work. If an electric light plant is to be installed, the services of an electric legal engineers, its electricians, its statisticians, its architects, its designers. If a new railroad is to be built, the best route is carefully chosen, surveys are made, levels are taken, the cost is estimated, the probable traffic computed, all by men trained in such work. If an electric light plant is to be installed, the services of an electric large and experienced men, its engineers. trical engineer are called in, and the work is planned and constructed under his scientific and practical guidance. If water-works are projected for a town, the hydraulic engineer first studies the water-shed that is to furnish the supply, measures the flow of the streams, computes the probable consumption of water both for present uses and for long periods of future growth. He plans with scientific precision, and every step is taken by his advice and direction. So also if a system of sewerage is to be constructed, the same appropriate direc-tion and advice are employed. If a public library is established, it is chosen, housed, shelved and distributed accord-ing to the principles of library practice established and approved by the wisest experts in that department. Men of business enterprise have come universally to recognize that every scheme of con-struction and development should be un-dertaken only under the guidance and addertaken only under the guidance and advice of those whose business it is to furnish expert and professional assistance. In the construction of laws only is this skilled assistance considered unnecessary. When it comes to the act of making law, all requirements of special study, experience, training and legal insight, are absent. There is no skilled class of legislators, nor is there any school of legislation at which may be learned the theory and practice of constructing a statute.

There is room for improvement in the quality of the men selected as members of the state legislatures. Too much regard is paid to political qualifications and not enough to legislative ability. This is not the fault of the citizens; very often they get the best obtainable. There is a great failure on the part of men who are specially qualified by education and attainments, to do their whole duty to the state by serving in the legislative bodies of the state and the city. I have observed that the people prefer to choose high-class public agents when they can get them. But the scholars and lawyers best qualified to guide and restrain legislation very rarely are willing to give their time to public service in the legislature. On rare occasions they will come forth and serve the state with great zeal and benefit; but usually they confine their activity to criticising what less competent men have done, We need a larger contribution of the time and brains of our abler business men and lawyers, both in state legislatures and in the common councils of cities. Their expert knowledge and conservative habits will strike the enacting clause out of many a useless bill that otherwise would drift through on the tide that is more easy to float with than to stem. We need more legislators with moral and legal back-bone to stand against all propo-sitions that lack positive utility,

TRUE EMPIRE BUILDING. From Leslie's Weekly.

The history of civilization and the rerd of empire-making contain no suc! mazing story of vast and swift develop-ment as that which is briefly told by the oremost of British statisticians, Mr. Mulhall, of the growth of the "Prairie States" of the United States in the past forty years. England added a greater area and an enormously larger popula-tion to her empire when India was made tributary to the throne, but this was done by conquest and successive subjugations extending through many years. Russia s slowly developing an agricultural ter-tiory as large as, or larger than, that included in the prairie states, but the condition of the majority of the czar's subjects is not to be compared in any way with that of the vigorous, intelligent and progressive citizenship that has created within the forty years this spleniid agricultural empire of the west.

It is a marvelous story. Take one group of states pre-eminently agricultural-Minnesota, Kapsas, Nebraska and the two Dakotas. Those who were school-children at the time of the civil war car remember how vaguely the geographies described the region included in these states, and how those from the east who had journeyed thither were thought to have taken a wonderful trip into a far country. The white population in all that country was less than ten thousand when Buchanan became president. Today that opulation is not far from six millions while the wealth produced there is in even greater proportion than the increase of population. Eight times as much grain —in some parts a vastly greater increase than that-and nearly four times greater meat product have come from this re-gion, while land has been placed under subjugation so that it yields richly of he fruits of the earth, greater in than the aggregate superficies of the German empire, Holland, Belgium and Denmark—that it, all of Europe between the Rhine and Russia, and north of the Austrian empire.

It has been one of the greatest of peace. ful and happy conquests, as it has been the swiftest, in all the world's history. It has added hundreds of millions to the ermanent wealth of the United States, and it is now producing yearly products of the soil worth nearly two billion dollars. It is of the highest importance, as assuring a continuance of these prosperous conditions, that the intelligence of the people is in proper ratio with their wealth-producing power. The illiterates n these prairie states are fewer than in the middle states, even less, propately, than in New England itself.

WHITCOMB RILEY'S FAVORITE POEM.

He'd nothing but his violin, I'd nothing but my song, But we were wed when skies were blue And summer days were long; And when we rested by the hedge The robins came and told How they had dared to woo and win When early spring was cold. We sometimes supped on dewberries, Or slept among the hay, But of: the farmers wives at eve Came out to hear us play.

The rare old tunes, the dear old tunes.

We could not starve for long. While my man had his violin And I my sweet old song.

The world has gone well with us, Old man, since we were one: Our homeless wanderings down the lares But those who wait for gold or gear, For houses and for kine, Till youth's sweet spring grows brown and sere. Will never know the joy of hearts

That met without a fear, When you had but your violin,

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